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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is a timely Response submitted in reply to a non-final Office Action dated October 10, 2008. Monday, January 12, 2009 is the first business day of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office following Saturday, January 10, 2009.

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